

**Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3726**

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 47279-5003-00-US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Peter FRANK ) Confirmation No.: 6468  
Application No.: 10/551,996 ) Group Art Unit: 3726  
Filed: October 11, 2006 ) Examiner: HOWELL, Daniel W.  
FOR: DRILLING TOOL )

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2011, the period for response to which extends through June 30, 2011, the office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.